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JUBILEE MEDAL, discovery of gold in California, 1848-1898. Obverse, bust of James W. Marshall; reverse, Saw Mill of Coloma, Jan. 19, 1848. SUTTER'S FORT, as portrayed on medal of the Golden Gate International Exposition, 1939. Diameters 35 and 32 mm., respectively.

# *California, the Golden State*

By MILTON C. STRAUCH, Daly City

California's name probably had its origin in a sixteenth century Spanish story which described it as a mythical island inhabited by Amazons and rich in gold. The name first was applied by Spanish explorers to the California Peninsula and later included an area up the coast.

Hernando de Alarcon, searching with Coronado for the fabled Seven Cities of Cibola in 1540, was the first explorer to set foot on California soil. Credit for the state's discovery is given to Juan Cabrillo, who on Sept. 28, 1542, sailed into San Diego Bay, and who later made explorations northward past the Golden Gate. Other explorations followed at intervals.

Colonization of Baja California was started in 1697 by the establishment of a mother mission, which was the beginning of a chain of missions northward. Spain's plan was to colonize Alta California with missions, presidios and pueblos simultaneously. Father Junipero Serra, a Spanish Franciscan missionary, started the first mission in 1769. The mission fathers brought to the Indians a measure of learning and practical experience in construction and agriculture. Pueblos were established at locations that became Los Angeles, San Jose and Santa Cruz; and presidios were established at San Diego, Santa Barbara, Monterey and San Francisco.

One reason for Spanish colonization of Alta California was the threat of the Russians who held Alaska, and who established a settlement north of San Francisco Bay at Fort Ross in 1812.

In 1822 Mexico declared her independence from Spain, and California became a Mexican province.

European settlers began to arrive in small numbers. In 1814 the first Englishman had come to California. In 1839 John Sutter, a Swiss, arrived. The next year he began building his agricultural empire on the Sacramento River. In 1841 he purchased all of the property at Fort Ross from the Russians, and their withdrawal the following year ended the threat of Russian domination in California.

Great Britain and France indicated interest in California. At the same time, feeling grew in the United States that its logical western border was the Pacific Ocean. By the 1840s California was a focal point of international interest. There was conflict between American settlers and local Mexican officials. In May 1846, war between the United States and Mexico was declared. A group of English-speaking settlers raised the Bear flag at Sonoma on June 14, 1846, declaring California a sovereign state. The

Bear Flag Republic was short-lived, however, for on July 7, Commodore John Sloat of the United States Navy raised the American flag at the Mexican capital of Monterey; two days later, Captain Montgomery raised the flag at San Francisco. In February 1848 the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed and the war ended.

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION HALF DOLLAR

Early coins of truly California character cannot be found, as there were none. Spanish and later Mexican coins circulated the region known as California.

On Jan. 24, 1848, James Marshall discovered gold at Coloma on the American River, and although an attempt was made to keep the find secret, the news soon was known over the countryside. President Polk formally announced the discovery in his annual message and the gold rush began in earnest. Heavy immigration into the potentially wealthy section began; people came by wagon, boat or by any means they could find.

In the days following the discovery of gold in California, the money question was most predominant as it affected the lives of everyone. The lack of a circulating medium proved to be the greatest obstacle to ordinary business transactions. Under the administration of the military government of the territory, the impossibility of collecting duties in coin as prescribed by law was so apparent that the officers of collection had to accept gold dust on deposit as security for ultimate payment in coin.

The California gold discovery in 1848 was responsible for an interesting series of private and territorial gold issues, culminating in the establishment of a branch mint at San Francisco in 1854. Most private gold mints, such as the Cincinnati Mining and Trading Co., the Miners Bank, the Massachusetts and California Co. and the Pacific Co. ceased to operate in 1850. The firm of Moffat and Co. in San Francisco (1849-1853) was the most important of the California coiners. Moffat issued ingots, $5 and $10 gold pieces. The Moffat coins were accepted in trade with confidence by everyone. In 1850 Moffat and Co. received a government contract to assay and fix the value of gold.

Augustus Humbert was appointed United States assayer in 1851. The assay office was a temporary expedient to adapt Californians to a branch mint. As a result, after taking the contract, the price of gold dust immediately became stabilized and Moffat and Co. ceased to issue private coins.

The octagonal $50 coin at first was gratefully received by the Californians, as they needed badly a medium which would be accepted at the Custom House, where gold dust and private gold coins were refused. It was accepted as legal tender on a par with standard United States gold coins, and was known variously as a slug, quintuple eagle or five eagle piece. Officially it was termed an ingot.

The Californians found the new $50 slug was the only gold coin in circulation. It was too large a denomination for an ordinary business deal. Two to three per cent was charged

for changing one of them. Moffat and Co. soon was criticized by the tradespeople. The company asked for permission from the Secretary of the United States Treasury to supply coins of smaller amounts, but was refused authority to relieve the citizens.

Fractional currency coins of almost every nation were pressed into service by Californians, but the supply was too small to help to any extent. Local business men and bankers, however, urgently requested Moffat and Co. to relieve the money situation; hence, the company proceeded in 1852 to issue a $10 piece bearing the stamp "Moffat and Company." Government authority for an issue of $10 and $20 gold pieces was officially accepted in early 1852.

The firm of Moffat and Co. dissolved about this time and a new reorganized company known as the United States Assay Office of Gold took over the contract, retaining the right to use the name "Moffat and Company." No $50 ingots were made by the company after 1852. Many of these coins were remelted, probably because they were worth more than face value. When the United States Assay Office ceased operations, a United States branch mint in San Francisco.

In 1776, a mission called San Francisco was established, but the settlement was known as Yerba Buena. The name was changed to San Francisco in 1847. In 1844 the Golden Gate was called "Crysopylas," from the Greek words "chryos," gold, and "pyle," gate, because it was the entrance to the land of gold. (Fremont) In April 1906 an earthquake and fire devastated the city. The Panama Pacific International Exposition (1915) opened to show the world that the queen city of the Pacific, San Francisco, had rebuilt, and also to honor the opening of the Panama Canal.

To commemorate the PPIE at San Francisco, the San Francisco branch mint struck one silver and four gold coins. These coins have the distinction of being the first United States commemoratives to carry the motto "In God We Trust." The obverse of the half dollar shows Columbia scattering flowers of welcome upon the Pacific Ocean as an open invitation to all nations to sail into San Francisco Bay. Beyond, the sun is setting and casting its rays upon the Golden Gate; behind is a nude youth with a

SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE HALF DOLLAR

period ensued during which no private firm struck gold. The new San Francisco branch mint did not produce coins for some months. The lack of coin again was felt by business men, who petitioned Kellogg and Richter to issue private coin. Round $20 and $50 pieces were minted 1854-1855. This was the last of the private coinage in California; henceforth, coins minted came only from the cornucopia. The reverse shows a shield of the United States, surmounted by an eagle.

The gold dollar was truly modern. On obverse is the head of a laborer, in honor of the men whose work made the canal a reality. The reverse shows two dolphins circling, representing a meeting of the two oceans.

The quarter eagle was the first

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# *Wings Over America*

By RETA L. HARTSON, El Sobrante, Calif.

The following poem was taken from Dave Garroway's article in the July 1960 issue of McCall's magazine and the closing lines are important to the opening of my article. Mr. Garroway did not know to whom to give credit for the bit of poetry; consequently, I cannot do so either.

THE DOLLAR AND THE CENT

A big silver dollar and a little brown cent,
Rolling along, together they went;
Rolling along the smooth sidewalk,
When the dollar remarked, for the dollar could talk,
"You poor little cent, you cheap little might!
I'm bigger and more than twice as bright.
I'm worth more than you, a hundredfold,
And written on me in letters bold
Is the motto drawn from the pious creed,
'In God We Trust,' which all can read."
"Yes, I know," said the cent, "I'm a cheap little might,
And I know I'm not big, nor good or bright.
And yet," said the cent, with a meek little sigh,
"You don't go to church as often as I."

Few of us realize that long before our nation had its beginning it was spoken of and prophesied in Biblical times. Isaiah prophesied that the Eagle should be the emblem of the new world, and that as long as we, this new nation, kept it aloft, our land would be free. Isaiah spoke of our country as "The land overshadowed with wings."

In Ethiopian ancient records there also was a prophesy in regard to our nation. It was about as follows, and I quote from memory, "Across land lying to our west and across a vast body of water from us there shall rise a new nation, whose land shall be overshadowed with wings, and whose monetary system shall revere and honor God. It shall be known as a new world in a new age and with a new dispensation."

Ours is not the only country of the Eagle. Egypt, which is known as the land of beginnings, also means or signifies the Eagle. To the south of us lies the land of our neighbor, Mexico, which is symbolized by the same Eagle overpowering a serpent.

Designers of our coins have shown the Eagle with spread wings, symbolic of "The land overshadowed with wings". Designs of our coins seem to disclose significant facts. Let us look at our coins. The greater percentage of them have Eagle with spread wings, holding arrows in one claw.

The Eagle is alert, strong, swift, keen of eye, fiercely protective of her own; and has endurance. Also its home is high up on the crags where it can look out over the terrain and easily see its friends or enemies.

At the turn of this century, American internal and external strife was pretty much settled. Our country stepped up the pace in creativeness and productiveness. Inventions for better production in factories and on farms were brought from the dream or visionary state into reality. It will

have to be admitted that some of these inventions and productions were to become greatly improved and serve in the dark days that lay ahead.

The year 1907 saw the minting of the first new coin of this century. It was the beautiful $20 Saint-Gaudens gold piece. On reverse is the Eagle in easy flight; there are no arrows—which could signify a nation at peace.

A new Indian Head gold coin appeared in 1908. Again the Eagle on reverse, without arrows. Even though the wings are folded, the Eagle is bold, aggressive and alert. It seems to be silent acknowledgment that though our nation was at peace, she was alert and ready to protect her own.

The Morgan or Liberty Head silver dollar has the Eagle with spread wings and arrows clutched in claw. These silver dollars no longer were minted after 1904, until 1921 when they were issued again for the one year only.

It seems significant that here was a nation that wanted peace. The monetary system so spoke. The nation did want peace and in 1909, when a new cent was introduced, it carried the portrait of Abraham Lincoln; on reverse, wheat, the staff of life.

Three more newly designed coins appeared in 1916: Mercury dime, Standing Liberty quarter and Walking Liberty half dollar. The reverse of the Standing Liberty quarter has the Eagle in easy flight. The Walking Liberty half dollar shows the Eagle sitting with spread wings; alert and fearless, and with unlimited vision from the mountain crag.

America was alert and deeply aware that her vision needed to be clear; for the time of war was now slowly drawing its noose around her neck.

Herman A. MacNeil, designer of the Standing Liberty quarter, and A. A. Weinman, designer of the Walking Liberty half dollar, do, I believe, express their hopes and fears in their designs for these two coins. Weinman, on the reverse of the Mercury dime, placed the bundle of sticks bound together. America was building a strong nation, welding it together, and with the European situation as it was,

America needed to build and to stand closely bound together.

If one goes no further than the Red Book in his search for the obverse significance of the Standing Liberty quarter and the Walking Liberty half dollar, he will be rewarded and his time will be well spent.

It is interesting to note that after 1907, most of the new coins omitted the spread-winged Eagle with arrows. The only coins to carry the spread-winged Eagle are the Washington quarter and the Franklin half dollar; but there are no arrows in the Eagle's claws on the Franklin half.

Let us look for a moment at the new designs on our coins: The 1909 Lincoln cent with wheat, the wheat being changed in 1959 to the Lincoln Memorial; the Indian Head nickel of 1913 with buffalo on the reverse; the Mercury dime of 1916 with bundle of bound sticks; the Standing Liberty quarter of 1916 with Eagle in easy flight; and the 1916 Walking Liberty half with open-winged Eagle. In 1921 the Morgan dollar again was issued with the same design as in prior years. The same year also brought us the Peace dollar, which has the Eagle with folded wings; yet the Eagle is alert and high on a crag where she can see.

The first of the Washington quarters in 1932 show Eagle with spread wings and a bundle of arrows held with both claws. The year 1938 is memorable for the Jefferson nickel with Monticello on reverse. Then in 1946 came the Roosevelt dime with the torch of liberty; followed in 1948 by the Franklin half dollar with Liberty Bell on reverse.

$2½ GOLD, 1915

The Franklin half dollar with the Liberty Bell predominant on reverse carries a miniature Eagle with spread wings, which is to the right and in the shadow of the Liberty Bell.

The Mercury dime obverse carries another symbol. The wings crowning Mercury's (or Liberty's) cap is intended to symbolize liberty of thought. We not only have liberty of thought, but we enjoy liberty of expression of our thoughts. There is nothing that can travel as swiftly as thought. One can travel around the world in a few seconds in thought. Thought is speed—and this country, from the thoughts of free men, has produced speed in travel by jet. Waiting to be utilized is the atomic-powered means of transportation which will travel more swiftly than jets.

Of our later issues of coins, two out of five bear the Eagle, even though one has it in miniature.

Let's review for a moment: Obverse: Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington, Franklin and Roosevelt. All fought for the same things for this nation, and all believed wholeheartedly in that for which they fought.

Reverse: The Lincoln Memorial, Monticello, Torch of Liberty and Liberty Bell with the spread-winged Eagle in miniature. Also, the spread-winged Eagle of the Washington quarter, clutching a bundle of arrows in her claws.

It causes one to wonder if there is some deep significance between the designs of our coins and the direction in which our country is going. At least it is food for thought.

Our Peace dollar is the only coin minted that carries the word 'Peace'; in some quarters, there is hope of it becoming the standard coin for international exchange and trade. If this comes to pass, one could well call this dollar a world-wide emissary of peace.

# California

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commemorative coin of that denomination. Columbia on its obverse is shown carrying a caduceus and riding a hippocampus, symbolically inviting the nations of the world to use the new waterway. On reverse is an eagle in a position of watchful warning.

In 1915, the first $50 coins ever to be authorized by the United States government were struck. These coins commemorated two events, the greatest of world expositions and the historic $50 slug of pioneer days. The obverse on both round and octagonal pieces shows a helmeted head of Minerva, a favorite Roman goddess, facing to left. A shield at her left shoulder is inscribed MCMXV or 1915 in Roman numerals. Around the coin is the inscription, "United States of America — Fifty Dollars." In the eight angles of the octagon are eight dolphins, which convey the idea of an uninterrupted water route. On reverse the design is that of an owl, perched on the branch of a western pine — a symbol of Minerva. To the right of the owl is "E Pluribus Unum." Around the coin is inscribed "Panama Pacific Exposition San Francisco." As on the obverse, dolphins are found in the angles of the octagon.

The completion of the Panama Canal, the opening of new trade routes, and the building of the great western part of the United States show reason enough why engraver Robert Aitken chose Minerva for these coins. She was goddess of wisdom and war.

It was a fitting tribute to California's glorious numismatic past that the San Francisco Mint was given the right in 1915 to coin the Panama Pacific pieces, which now memorialize San Francisco and California for all time.

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**LIMITED PLATE COINAGE**

The 8-daler denomination of Swedish plate money was coined during a few years only in the reigns of Christina, Charles X and Charles XI.

# Brief Histories of Convention Hosts

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

## BAY CITIES COIN CLUB

Bay Cities Coin Club, co-host for the state convention this fall, has the distinction of being the first club to be host to a California State Numismatic Association convention. Back in 1948 the club sponsored the third state convention at the Ambassador Hotel in Santa Monica. Now, 13 years later, Bay Cities Club and its members again will be host for the twenty-ninth state convention. The club's president, Ben Bieringer, will be assistant to the convention general chairman.

Gas rationing during World War II caused the formation of the club. In the spring of that year, a number of collectors in Santa Monica and nearby cities who were members of the California Coin Club (now the Los Angeles Coin Club) were finding it increasingly difficult to attend meetings in Los Angeles because of transportation problems and gasoline rationing, and so decided to form their own club. Accordingly, on April 25, 1944, the group held its first meeting in the directors' room of the Santa Monica Commercial and Savings Bank and signed up 20 charter members.

The first by-laws contained an unusual provision limiting membership in the club to men only. In 1949, when Karl Brainard was elected president, his first act was to abolish this provision. Grace Brainard and Thelma Case were then the first women to be admitted to membership.

Looking back over the past years, Ben Bieringer, club president, recently said, "We have never tried to be a large club, but we do have a fine group of close and friendly numismatists who enjoy and participate in all phases of our club's social and numismatic activities." Today the club has 76 paid up members with an almost full attendance at meetings. The club holds early membership No. 117 in CSNA.

The club's first elected officers were H. L. Canann, president; Dr. O. K. Grier, vice president, and Harry Davidson, secretary-treasurer. Harry Davidson later became president of CSNA.

Present officers of the club are Ben Bieringer, president; Upton Lewis, vice president; Caroline Nestrick, secretary, and Grace Brainard, treasurer.

The club meets on the fourth Thursday evening at Douglas Recreation Hall, 25th St. and Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica.

## CULVER CITY COIN CLUB

Culver City Coin Club, one of two CSNA fall convention host clubs, will be three years old at convention time. The club was organized Oct. 16, 1958, at a meeting held in the Veterans Memorial Building in Culver City. Prior to the initial meeting a group of eight individuals met at their homes over a period of three years. Under the leadership of Eric Warner, the group invited others to join with them and the new club started.

Eric Warner, in recognition of his services in organizing the club, was given charter membership No. 1. The original eight: Dr. Buford Criswell, Mayo Wright, Chick Coulan, Warren McNally, Bill Fanning, Ernie Hood, Bud Lee and Karl Brainard were then added to the charter, which was closed with 40 members after the next meeting. Monthly meetings have been held since organization, and the club has done much to advance the hobby of numismatics in the Culver City area through a special annual hobby show and club programs.

The first elected officers of the club were Eric Warner, president; Mayo Wright, first vice president; Paul Thornberg, second vice president; Dr. Buford Criswell, secretary, and A. Gehrke, treasurer.

Present officers are Ernie Hood, president; Dr. Buford Criswell, first vice president; Paul Thornberg, second vice president; Millicent Fishel, secretary; George Hall, treasurer, and Grace Brainard, historian. Richard Goodson is club auctioneer.

The club which now has more than 100 paid up members, meets on the second Thursday evening of each month at the Culver City Women's Club, 3835 Watseka Ave., Culver City.

Ernie Hood, president, will be assistant to the CSNA convention general chairman.

MIRAMAR HOTEL, CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

# *Santa Monica Convention*

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

Beautiful Hotel Miramar in Santa Monica, Calif., with a view of palm-lined beaches, Santa Monica mountains and the blue Pacific, will be headquarters for the twenty-ninth California State Numismatic Association convention Nov. 2-5.

Numismatic conventioneers from all over California, Western and Eastern United States are now making plans to attend this popular show, which promises to set new records for convention attendance and activities.

Convention guests at Hotel Miramar are assured the finest in exciting food and attractively appointed accommodations: located in a tropical garden setting where fabulous Wilshire Boulevard meets the sea; the hotel has 400 guest rooms, bungalows and suites, nightly dancing, swimming in the hotel pool or the Pacific Ocean, a new and impressive 10-story addition with beautifully furnished and tastefully designed guest rooms, each with a private lanai and breathtaking view; the Tike-Jo Polynesian Restaurant, featuring food from the South Seas; and the Venetian Room, serving the finest Continental cuisine.

Within a few minutes drive from the hotel are located some of Southern California's and Hollywood's finest restaurants, featuring Chinese, German, Hawaiian, Italian, Mexican, French and Scandinavian foods. For outside entertainment there is Marineland with its unique aquatic show and fish life; Hollywood night clubs and live shows; Santa Monica's own Pacific Ocean Park, a playground of fun and fantasy on a man-made peninsula extending into Santa Monica Bay, together with a long list of other exciting adventures in entertainment, all located in the area.

## CONVENTION CHAIRMEN

Karl Brainard, 3856 McLaughlin Ave., Los Angeles 66, Calif., a veteran worker on many California numismatic conventions, is convention gen-

KARL M. BRAINARD
. . . General Chairman

eral chairman, with the president of the Santa Monica Coin Club, Ben Bieringer, and the president of the Culver City Coin Club, Ernie Hood, serving as assistant general chairmen.

**WILSON BOURSE CHAIRMAN**

Bourse chairman is Frank Wilson, editor and publisher of **Western Coin Journal,** Box 336, Reseda, Calif. He still has available a few bourse spaces at $50 each, including registration and banquet.

**MRS. NEY EXHIBITS CHAIRMAN**

Displays are limited to not more than three cases for each exhibitor, and reservations should be made through the exhibit chairman, Pauline Ney, 817 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif., prior to Oct. 15, closing date. Any exhibit space not reserved by that time will then be made available to exhibitors desiring more than three cases. Two Pinkerton guards will be on duty at all times, as well as a special Santa Monica police department detail.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Other members of the convention committee are Dan Harley, registration; Wayne Higbee, publicity; Max Wedertz and Upton Lewis, numismatic forum; Edward and Peggy Borgolte, banquet arrangements; W. R. Fanning, banquet entertainment; Dr. Buford Criswell, door prizes; Mrs. Wayne Higbee, ladies entertainment; Grace Brainard, tours; Ben Bieringer, security; Rudy Gjurovich, sergeant-at-arms; Thelma Case, fashion show; Richard Goodson, awards, and Alys Emmons, official photographer.

**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**Thursday, November 2**

9:00 A.M. Registration
Set up bourse and displays, Nautilus Room.
10:30 A.M. Tour to Farmer's Market.
7:00 P.M. Social Gathering, Aviation Room.

**Friday, November 3**

9:00 A.M. Registration
Additional bourse and display space open as needed in Mars, Venus, Saturn and Jupiter Rooms.
10:30 A.M. Tour to Fashion Show and Will Rogers Home.
2:00 P.M. Auction, Aviation Room.
7:30 P.M. Forum and entertainment, Aviation Room.

**Saturday, November 4**

8:00 A.M. Club officers' breakfast, Aviation Room
9:00 A.M. Registration
Bourse and displays open
9:30 A.M. Board of Directors meeting, California Room
10:30 A.M. Business meeting, Aviation Room
1:00 P.M. Auction, Aviation Room
6:00 P.M. Reception, Lanai Room
7:00 P.M. Banquet, Aviation Room.

**Sunday, November 5**

9:00 A.M. Bourse and displays open
12:00 A.M. Convention closes
2:00 P.M. Removal of exhibits and bourse must be completed.

Note: A meeting of the Southern California Exonumist Society will be held in connection with the convention. Time and place will be announced at the convention registration desk.

**TOURS GALORE!**

On Thursday at 10:30 a.m., there will be a tour to the world-famous Farmer's Market. On Friday at 10:30 a.m., there will be a tour along the beach to a Fashion Show, then on to the Will Rogers Home and State Park. These two tours will be pro-

vided at a cost of only 25 cents each. Lunch will be optional on each tour. The Friday trip is for ladies only.

### TWO AUCTION SESSIONS

Don Thompson, auctioneer for the Oakland convention, and Lew Walker of Sacramento, have joined forces to bring an outstanding auction to the Santa Monica convention.

Included in the sale will be a complete set of Pony Express Riders medals (1000 issue), including certificate of authorization, official Bible, the rider's silver spurs (made with coins), route map and pictures. There will be ancient Greek and Roman coins in EF and better condition; choice gold coins; and large quantities of the popular material (Indian and Lincoln cents, Liberty, Buffalo and Jefferson nickels, Barber, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes). Early U. S. coins in all denominations, Colonials and paper money will be represented.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations may be made directly with Hotel Miramar, Santa Monica, Calif.. State that you are to attend the CSNA convention. Direct bus service to the hotel is available from Los Angeles International Airport, a 20-minute drive from the airport. Pacific Coast Highway, U.S. 101, passes adjacent to the hotel; and it is only a short drive to downtown Los Angeles via Wilshire Boulevard.

# Calendar of Numismatic Events

## CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Nov. 2-5, 1961.....State convention, Hotel Miramar, Santa Monica
Karl M. Brainard, general chairman.....3856 McLaughlin Ave., Los Angeles
Frank Wilson, bourse chairman.....Box 336, Reseda
Pauline Ney, exhibits chairman.....817 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica
Bay Cities Coin Club and Culver City Coin Club, hosts.

April 5-8, 1962.....State convention, El Dorado Hotel, Sacramento
Lew Walker, general chairman.....4419 Orange Grove Ave., Sacramento 21

Nov. 1-4, 1962.....State convention, Long Beach

April 18-21, 1963.....State convention, San Jose
Eldon Beaulieu, general chairman.....785 Harding Ave., San Jose
San Jose Coin Club, host.

Fall 1963.....State convention, Santa Barbara

Oct. 21-25, 1964.....State convention, Disneyland

## OTHERS

Sept. 23-25.....Southwestern Oregon Numismatic Association
Courtel Coos Bay, 1313 North Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay, Ore.

Sept. 24.....West Valley Coin Club, Third Coin-O-Rama, Reseda
Woman's Club, 7901 Lindley Ave., Reseda

Oct. 7.....Lake Tahoe Coin Club Annual Coin Festival
Harrah's Edgewood Banquet Room, Stateline
Merle E. Crandall, general chairman

Oct. 8.....Fourth Annual San Diego Coinarama, Stardust Motor Hotel,
Mission Valley, 950 W. Camino Del Rio, San Diego
Bourse chairman.....Irvin Belenzon, 5104 63rd St., San Diego
Exhibit chairman.....Francis S. Jones, 732 Olive Ave., Coronado
Auction chairman.....Douglas Decker, 2837 "K" Ave., National City
Numismatic Forum speaker.....Dr. Eduard Kann, Los Angeles, author of
**The Currencies of China** and **Illustrated Catalog of Chinese Coins**

Oct. 15.....Hayward Area Coin Club's Coin Fair

Oct. 22.....Tri-City Coin Carnival, Scottish Rite Temple,
33 West Alpine Ave., Stockton. Gordon D. Rammer, general chairman

Oct. 29.....East Bay Coinival, Lakeside Park Center,
Lake Merritt, Oakland. Theme: Moneys of the West

Feb. 22-25, 1962.....NASC convention, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles

# Competitive Exhibits

"The objeets and purposes of this Association are to promote, extend, and protect the interests of numismatie aetivities throughout the state and to foster and encourage the study of numismaties in all its forms and branches." These words are from the eonstitution and by-laws of this Asso-eiation.

All past officers have followed the adviee of our founders and we should be proud to be members of an asso-eiation that has done this despite many obstaeles.

Many a eonvention ehairman has smiled as he listened to complaints that we should not hold our conventions in small cities where hotel fa-eilities are not large enough to aeeom-modate our growing aetivities. It would be easier for the committee to hold these aetivities in the metropolitan areas, but so far we have been able to visit the smaller eities and this is the way we would like to continue; however, the hotels have not kept paee with the growth of our eonventions and many a club that would like to be host to a future eonvention has been turned down beeause hotel aeeommodations are not suffieient.

All phases of numismaties go into making California State Numismatie Association the great society that it is; not only do we visit all parts of the state, but we also try very hard to impress not only our own members but also non-members to exhibit at their loeal elubs and at our conventions. To exhibit eoins does not mean to bring out a lot of wealth and place it in a case. It means the art of de-seribing each eoin and telling the history that goes with it. Our eommemo-rative coins offer more than 60 different stories which may be told.

Competitive exhibiting is the heart of our conventions, and around this the other activities rotate. Our past officers have dwelt eontinuously on this part of our aetivities and it has paid off. At our last eonvention in Berkeley more than 60 exhibitors used 115 eases—an all-time record.

When I first became a member, I did not think I had a chance to win an award ribbon against the old tim-ers who not only had the experienee but also some beautiful and rare eoins. My first exhibit was not a win-ner, but many pointers were pieked up, and soon the old timers were get-ting a little eompetition from me. Now, as an old timer I am asking every member to exhibit and to tell a story in his display. One need not be afraid because his eoins are not un-eireulated, beeause only a few points are given for condition of coins. Neat-ness of display, a nice background, and a story on the coins are highly important. A few props help, as this will describe the era represented. In ease one wants to show obverse and reverse and does not have duplieates, he may use inexpensive prisms, ob-tainable at a government surplus store.

Again, I ask you to exhibit at our next eonvention. After you make your first start, you will find that you will become more interested in your eoins, your loeal elub work, and be a better member for CSNA. May I also ask the dealers to continue exhibiting in the dealers' elass. In dealers' exhibits there often are numismatie items whieh otherwise we might never see.

I hope these few words bring out the faet that CSNA is striving at all times to further numismaties. Our finest asset toward this goal is our **Calcoin News**, of which we are very proud.

———CSNA———

## SACRAMENTO CONVENTION

**Lew Walker,** general ehairman, ad-vises this eoming convention will be held in the Hotel El Dorado, a beau-tiful new motor-in-hotel. Plans are being formulated for the usual bourse, exhibits, forum, auetions, banquet, etc., and also several innovations which he and his assistants hope will be popular and interesting.

Convention dates are April 5-8, 1962.

———CSNA———

The Homestake gold mine in Lead, S. D., produced $20,119,988 worth of gold last year, a record for its 82 years of operation.

ANNA M. PANOSH

MATTIE KNICKERBOCKER

## WHO'S WHO AMONG

# *Women of the CSNA*

By BRYAN O. BURKE JR.

"Vanity, vanity, thy name is woman." This statement may be true of some women, but it is far from correct about the women of CSNA. The ladies of this organization, collectors and non-collectors, sidetrack their own interests to make the conventions more enjoyable for the men.

Many members have voiced the opinion that the ladies of CSNA should receive some sort of tribute. In this short article not all the women can be given credit for their work. A few have been selected for bouquets. It is hoped that all women of CSNA will feel gratified by this writeup. Please realize that brevity alone caused your name to be omitted if it is. Any fair one who has worked for the organization and has been omitted can look at her man and know that there is one member who has not forgotten her.

If any facts have been overlooked, please keep in mind Dorothy Beaulieu's quip, "Bare facts always seem so bare."

People often remark that few women collect orders and decorations without changing them from numismatic items into pieces of jewelry. **Anna Merle Panosh** collects them and wears them, and they never look like jewelry. This is because Anna knows the history behind each item she has and treats it as if she were its custodian, not its owner.

Anna, who has put up with her husband through many trying years, first met Leonel C. Panosh while she was visiting in San Diego. They were married in 1932 after she learned to live in a smoke-filled world. Lew, the uncrowned smoke ring blower of California, gave Anna a ring which has lasted through the years.

A CSNA convention would never be complete without one of Anna's displays of orders and decorations. While she has won many awards for her exhibits, each one was a creation all its own.

This San Diegoan has contributed to numismatic forums and has worked

DOROTHY BEAULIEU

on committees for the CSNA. Anna also is active in civic affairs of San Diego, is devoted to keeping the merchants from going broke, and is active in the American Association of University Women. All in all, one would have to go further than San Diego to find a nicer person than Anna Panosh.

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**Mattie Amy Knickerbocker** is the smiling lady who either is sitting with the ladies in the hotel foyer or is helping behind the Knickerbocker bourse table. In fact, one may say that Mattie is the real conventioneer. She is one of the four who have attended all CSNA conventions. She is the only woman in this distinguished Group of Four.

While Mattie was attending school in San Jose, she met Irving. They are still happily married and still going steady. Whenever you see one of the Knickerbockers, you know the other one is nearby.

Mattie has received awards for displays. Though she does not always display, she takes pleasure in viewing the exhibits. She says that she has learned much about coins just by studying the displays.

Mattie also maintains another hobby. Her collection of beautiful cameos is worthy of a museum. She also gives time to the San Diego Woman's Club.

**Otta Bergen** was fated to marry a coin collector. Not only was her father a coin collector but one of her forefathers, John Birnbaum, was a worker in the first United States Mint at Philadelphia at the end of the eighteenth century. One would think that she would have known better. Nevertheless, in 1920 Otta Birnbaum became Mrs. Herbert Bergen. She and Herb attended Orange Union High School together. After they were graduated their romance blossomed into marriage.

Otta usually is seen at conventions chatting with her many friends. She enjoys meeting her friends and watching the organization grow as much as Herb enjoys his coins. At the 1960 Stockton convention, Otta won an award for her exhibit, "Coin Charms of Korea." Her activities are not limited to coins and coin meetings. She also is a member of the Assistance League and the Ebell Club of Fullerton.

When not at coin meetings, club meetings, or conventions, she devotes her time to her three married children and to her grandchildren.

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When a conventioneer hears a hearty laugh from a lady at a CSNA convention, chances are good that it came from **Dorothy Beaulieu.** She was endowed with a crisp sense of humor. This endowment was not by chance. Destiny seemed to guide her parents. Her father from Texas met her mother from England while they were both in Canada.

Dorothy, who was born in Toronto, saw much of Canada and the United States while traveling with her father, an engineer. On one of her travels she stayed long enough to take piano lessons. It was, in fact, at a piano recital that Dorothy Howard met Eldon Beaulieu, who had come up from San Jose for the affair. They are both coin collectors now. When not collecting coins they are indulging in their other hobby, that of spoiling their grandchildren. Their two girls are married; their two boys are still at home.

Dorothy's collecting specialty is tokens, medals, banknotes, and coins of Canada. Though she often is seen going through "junk" boxes, her collection of Canadian numismatic items is quite extensive and valuable.

She not only is an active coin collector but is a contributing member to the several clubs to which she be-

GRACE BRAINARD

SYLVIA NOVACK

longs. She has held offices in local clubs, has been assistant editor of **Calcoin News,** and is now CSNA librarian. She has written articles for other publications, but is best known for her resume of tokens of the Bank of Upper Canada.

Antique china and silver attract her attention. She has been seen on the golf courses. She feels that a person should have a well-rounded personality. Her friends say that she is truly a likeable gal.

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**Grace Isabell Brainard,** or Gracie, as she is affectionately called by her many friends, has made a place in the numismatic society by her help and friendship at conventions and club meetings. Many people point to Gracie as the one who took the time to encourage them to attend the meetings and to join.

Gracie's interest in money goes a long way back. Her uncle, John Zahund, was nominated five times from 1924 to 1940 as the candidate for President of the United States on the Greenback Party ticket. This interest in money and desire to serve must run in her family because at conventions if there is one lady at work behind the registration desk it probably is Grace.

She started collecting coins after the hotel in which she was living was demolished by fire. While sifting through the ashes she found her only remaining possessions. She salvaged a few blackened coins of little value. Their greater value was that they led her to coin collecting. Each year she put a few coins away but at the Santa Monica convention in 1948, the bug really bit her. Since then she and her husband, Karl, have added to their collections and have served several clubs in many capacities. She is never "just" a member, but a worker of any club which she attends. More people like Gracie are needed.

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One of California's most avid coin collectors is **Sylvia Novack.** Her zeal to gather coins in the finest condition is matched by few. While she just started in 1955, her collection is well on its way to being one of the most beautiful known. This is all the more remarkable because she financed her purchases by going through bags of coins for valuable dates with which to trade for the proof coins her taste demands.

Sylvia frankly admits that she likes the convention auctions and displays —areas where a woman usually takes a back seat—best of all. Sylvia studies her coins; displays at most conven-

tions; and even her other hobby is numismatic. She has a fine collection of coin glass, from toothpick holder to high cake plate.

Distracting Sylvia from her coin endeavors are two teenage youngsters and a husband, Dave, who good-heartedly goes along to some coin affairs with his wife. Sylvia also devotes much time to aiding the City of Hope, and is a past president of the Arrowhead chapter of Hadassah.

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**Pauline Ney** arranged early to attend the ANA convention in Portland. She was born two blocks from the Multnomah Hotel, moving to California when she was married. She lost her husband 12 years ago and has kept busy since with grandchildren and trying to keep up with her brother, Dr. Linus Pauling, the Nobel Prize winner.

Pauline started collecting coins in earnest about four years ago. She drifted to tokens, so-called dollars, and medals. She particularly likes nineteenth century coins and tokens of Africa. Although she has gone into coins as a business and has her own shop, she retains her enthusiasm of coins as a hobby.

Pauline is another conventioneer. She looks forward to conventions and meeting the friends she has made in the West, the displays, and then finding out when the next convention is to be held. Her numismatic life is not limited to conventions. A list of organizations of which she is a member is almost a directory of coin clubs. She is even a member of the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand. She is a life member of the ANA.

With all her club activity and coin dealing she still has time to create displays. She has many awards for coin and medal exhibits, one of which is a best-in-show. Pauline's mother's people came from England on the second trip of the Pilgrims, settling in New England. Her father's parents crossed the nation on the Oregon Trail. In her early life strict discipline was the rule.

When Pauline lost her parents, she used her own determination to seek perfection in whatever she did. This perfection can be seen in her collection of medals, her accurate knowledge of coins, and her attention to details.

Pauline likes people. If you are people, say hello to her next time she is around.

PAULINE NEY

A report on the women of the California State Numismatic Association would not be complete without mentioning some of those who attend the conventions, but do not hold office or collect coins. First, there is the sweetheart of CSNA, **Alys Emmons.** Alys gives up her time solving the problems of the world with the rest of the ladies to take pictures for **Calcoin News.** Then there is **Bernice Curtis,** who comes to the conventions because she wants to meet her old friends and help newer ones along a smoother road. **Mabel Patterson** is one who is on hand to do her share and more when there is work to be done. **Alice Redfield** is another who certainly should be mentioned for her contributions. Another is **Emma Bingham,** who has given many helpful suggestions which have made conventions run more smoothly. Still others are **Thelma Case, Irene Parker** and **Ruby Lee.** Irene and Ruby were quite active during the formative years of CSNA.

Next time there is a convention, maybe the men should look around and see how much better it is because of the work the ladies do. Most of them could be home or out shopping and having a grand time, but they are willing to stick around the stuffy rooms so that the men will have a more enjoyable time.

Hats off to the ladies of CSNA.

# *United States Depression Scrip*

By RALPH A. MITCHELL and CHARLES V. KAPPEN

## IOWA

Continued from Summer 1961

### Waterloo

The Waterloo Unemployed Relief Club, organized during the summer of 1932, grew to a membership of 2100. Membership fee was 10 cents. Men worked in fields and wood camps in return for food and fuel. Barber shop, lodging house, furniture shop, shoe shop, mill to grind corn into meal, and commissary warehouse were set up. Purpose was "to provide fuel, food and clothing for destitute and needy families," according to C. A. Hostetler, general manager. Scrip, issued in terms of hours of labor instead of monetary value, was paid men for their work. These notes could be spent at the central clearing house for food, goods or services.

### West Burlington

*Town of West Burlington* 4 x 8½ in.

Hand dated (Feb. 13, 16 and 24, 1933). Printed in brown on white paper; ornamental border in brown. Hand signed by E. V. Johnson, town clerk, and H. H. Sandu, mayor. Listed along bottom of obverse are names of 22 business firms which accepted the scrip. Spaces on reverse for 50 1-cent stamps. Printed by A-B Co.

56. 50 cents. *Plate.*

### West Liberty

*Charles J. Mackey* 2 x 3 in.

Undated (1933). Printed in black on red cardboard. Obverse: $1.00 / Good in West Liberty ONLY / IN TRADE. Reverse: Eagles above and below signature, "Chas. J. Mackey".

57. $1. *Plate.* 57a. 5 cents. 57b. 10 cents.
57c. 25 cents. 57d. 50 cents.

### What Cheer

*City of What Cheer* 3½ x 8 in.

Hand dated (Feb. 6, 1933). Redemption limit Jan. 1, 1936. Printed in black on white paper, over orange sunburst background. Hand signed by E. C. Kolburg, mayor, and C. G. Wright, city clerk. Same Zylstra design and color as Iowa Nos. 5, 25, 38 and 50. Spaces on reverse for 36 3-cent stamps.

58. $1.

### Winneshiek

*County of Winneshiek, Iowa* 4¾ x 8⅜ in.

Same Zylstra design used by Cass and Polk Counties (Iowa Nos. 9 and 46).

59. $1.

# ADDENDA

## ALASKA

*Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation*

Undated (1935-1937). Eight tokens, same size as United States coins of like denominations, except for 1-cent piece, were issued by the corporation, representing the Federal Government, for use by colonists in the fertile Mantanuska Valley of Alaska. Tokens were spent at the colony commissary under a system which provided for credit. Tokens of 1-,

ALASKA Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6

5-, 10-, 25- and 50-cent and $1 denominations are aluminum; $5 and $10, brass. The 1-cent token is octagonal. Tokens, last used at the commissary Feb. 10, 1937, were replaced by a work-credit plan.

The Federal Government, in spring 1935, relocated 201 families from drought-stricken farms in the Midwest to this fertile Alaska valley. Sixty-seven Minnesota families arrived there May 7, 1935. They were joined soon after by 67 Michigan and 67 Wisconsin families. The Federal Government financed the operation by lending $3000 to each family, to be repaid within 30 years at approximately 3 per cent interest, first payment to be made in the fifth year.

1. 1 cent. 2. 5 cents. 3. 10 cents. 4. 25 cents.
5. 50 cents. 6. $1. 7. $5. 8. $10.

## ARIZONA

### Buckeye

*Buckeye Merchants' Exchange* 2¾ x 6 in.

Undated (March 6, 1933). Printed in black on white paper. Serially numbered. Denomination overprinted in red. Headed "Buckeye Merchants Exchange Scrip". Hand signed by William Mishka, R. B. Bramm and H. M. Watson. Reverse blank. Buckeye scrip was issued by Watson, sole owner of the Buckeye Valley Bank, within hours after Gov. B. B. Moeur had proclaimed a statewide bank holiday. The Buckeye Chamber of Commerce endorsed Watson's scrip plan. The Valley National Bank, Buckeye, which bought the Buckeye Valley Bank from Watson, owns the only known 50-cent denomination.

9. 5 cents. 10. 10 cents. *Plate.* 11. 25 cents. 12. 50 cents.

# PLATE 47

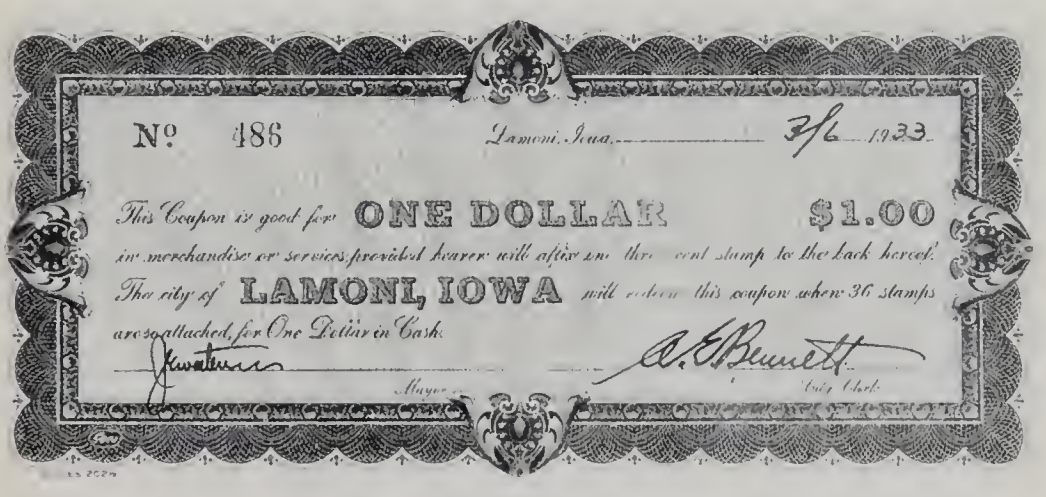
No. 11576
HAWARDEN, IOWA
1922
This coupon is good for
ONE DOLLAR
in merchandise or services, provided that a three cent stamp is affixed to the back hereof on the fifth day of each month.
SPECIMEN
Mayor.
The City
HAWARDEN, IOWA
will redeem this coupon when 36 stamps are so attached for
One Dollar in Cash.
City Clerk.
Expiration Date Limit May 5, 1926

IOWA No. 29

No. 744
Iowa City, Iowa
MAY 23 1933
This Certificate is Good for
One Dollar
$1
in merchandise or service. Bearer will affix one two cent stamp to the back hereof.
THE IOWA CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
will redeem this certificate for one dollar in cash if presented within one year from date of issue, bearing fifty stamps, sold by them for the purpose and affixed in accordance with instructions on back hereof.
President
Secretary

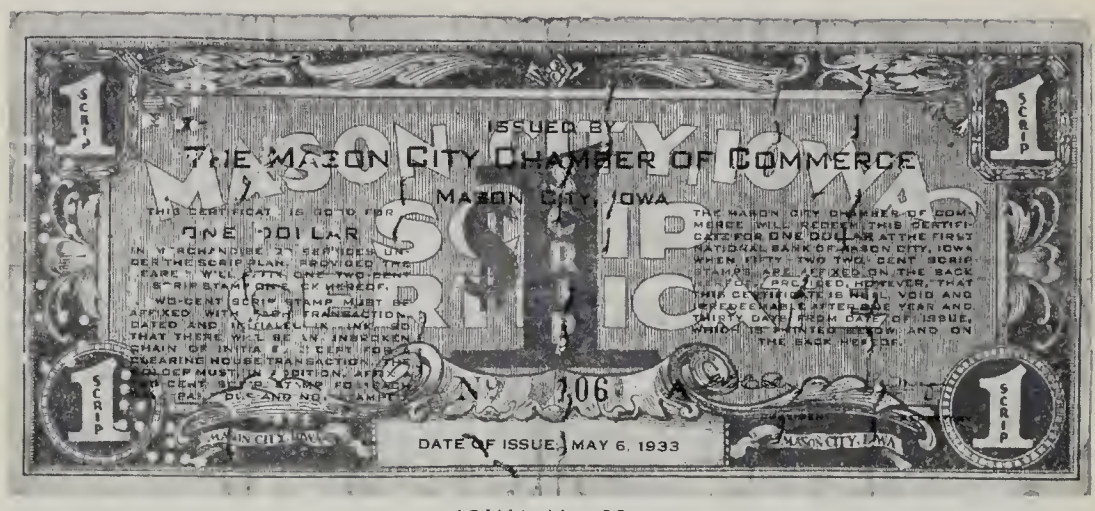
IOWA No. 30

Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World


No. 486
Lamoni, Iowa, 3/6 1933
This Coupon is good for ONE DOLLAR $1.00
in merchandise or services provided bearer will affix one three cent stamp to the back hereof.
The city of LAMONI, IOWA will redeem this coupon when 36 stamps are so attached, for One Dollar in Cash.
Mayor
City Clerk

IOWA No. 31

# PLATE 48

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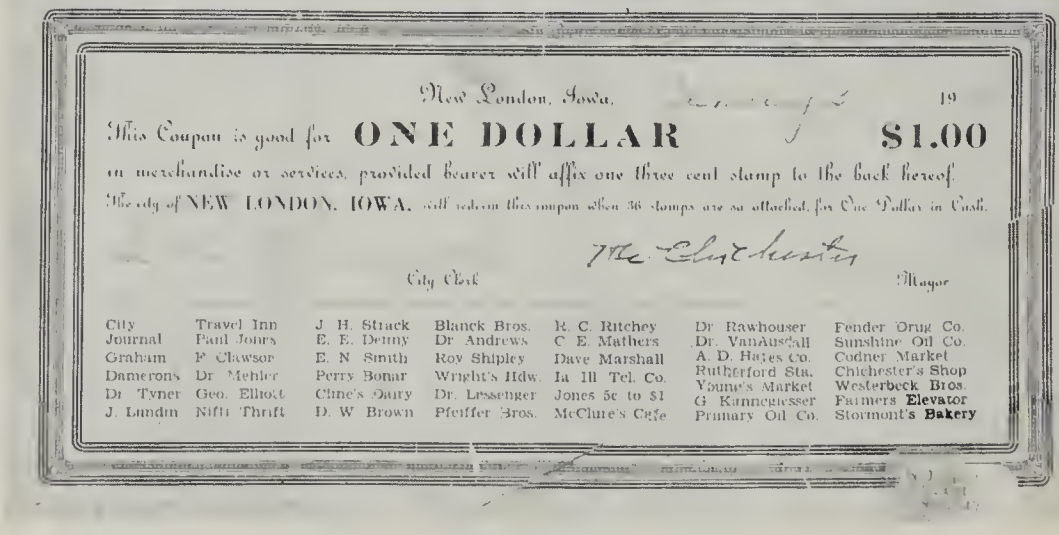


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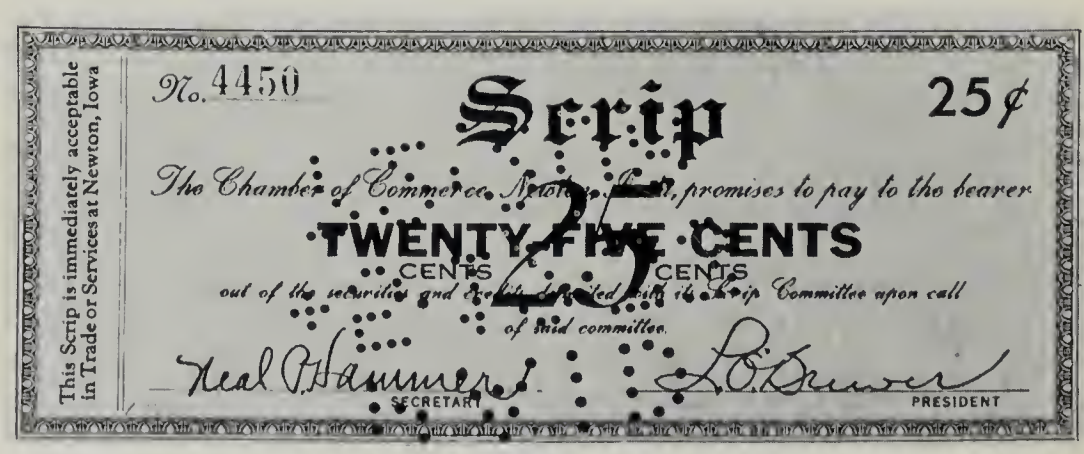

This Scrip is immediately acceptable in Trade or Services at Newton, Iowa
No. 4450
Scrip
25¢
The Chamber of Commerce, Newton, Iowa, promises to pay to the bearer
TWENTY-FIVE CENTS
CENTS
CENTS
out of the securities and profits deposited with the Scrip Committee upon call of said committee.
Neal P. Hammer
SECRETARY
L. O. Brewer
PRESIDENT

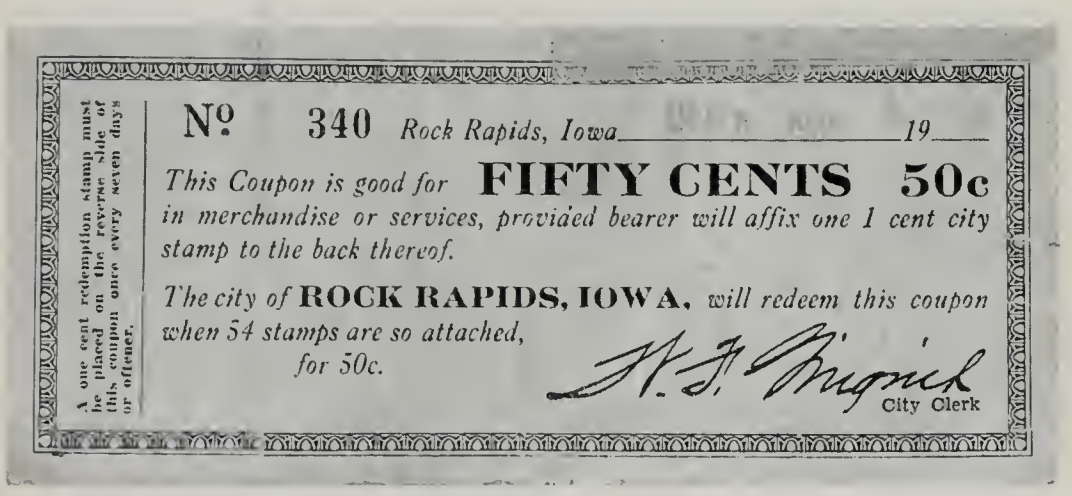
IOWA No. 42

Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World

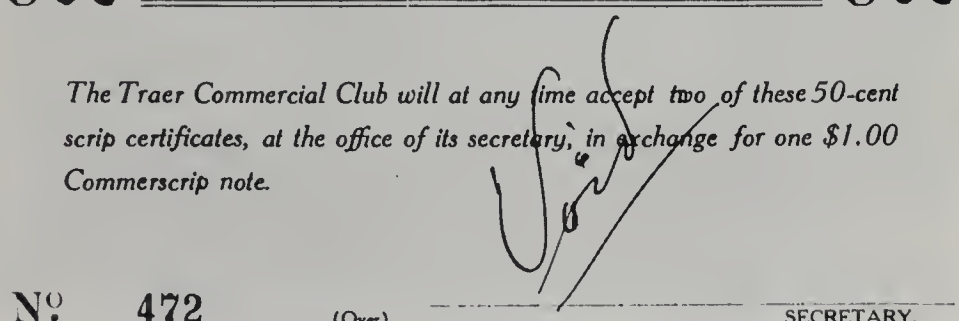
# PLATE 49

$1.00
No. 3187
Pella, Iowa, JUN 1 0 1933
PELLA STAMP NOTE
This Stamp Note is Good for One Dollar in Merchandise or Services, provided Bearer will affix
One Two-cent Redemption Stamp to the Back Hereof.
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PELLA, IOWA, will redeem this Stamp Note when 50
Stamps are so attached, for One Doller in Cash
Redemption Void After January 1, 1936
President
Secretary

IOWA No. 45


A one cent redemption stamp must be placed on the reverse side of this coupon once every seven days or offener.
No. 340 Rock Rapids, Iowa 19
This Coupon is good for FIFTY CENTS 50c
in merchandise or services, provided bearer will affix one 1 cent city stamp to the back thereof.
The city of ROCK RAPIDS, IOWA, will redeem this coupon when 54 stamps are so attached, for 50c.
City Clerk

IOWA No. 47


50c TRAER COMMERSCRIP 50c
The Traer Commercial Club will at any time accept two of these 50-cent scrip certificates, at the office of its secretary, in exchange for one $1.00 Commerscrip note.
No. 472
(Over)
SECRETARY.

IOWA No. 51

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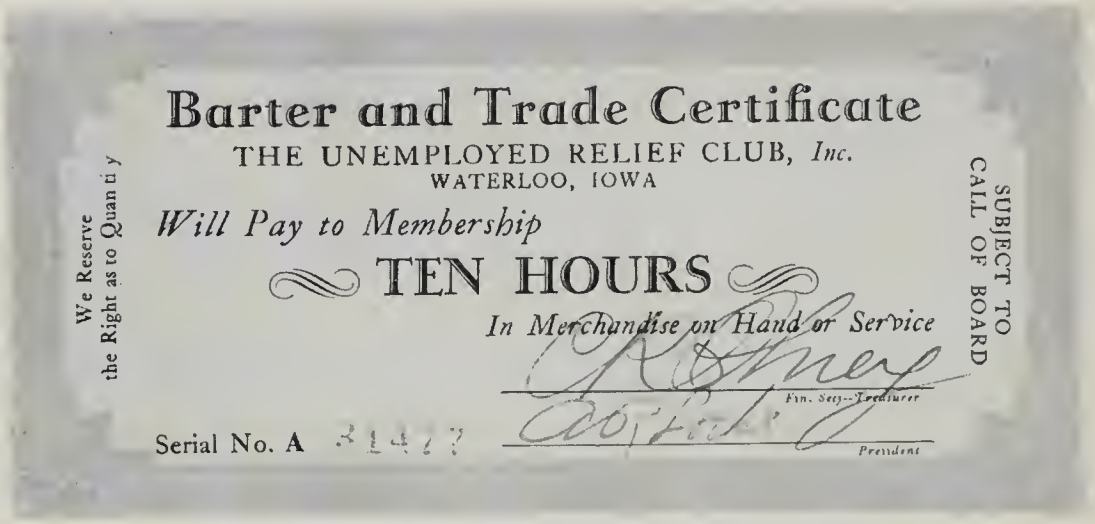
# PLATE 50

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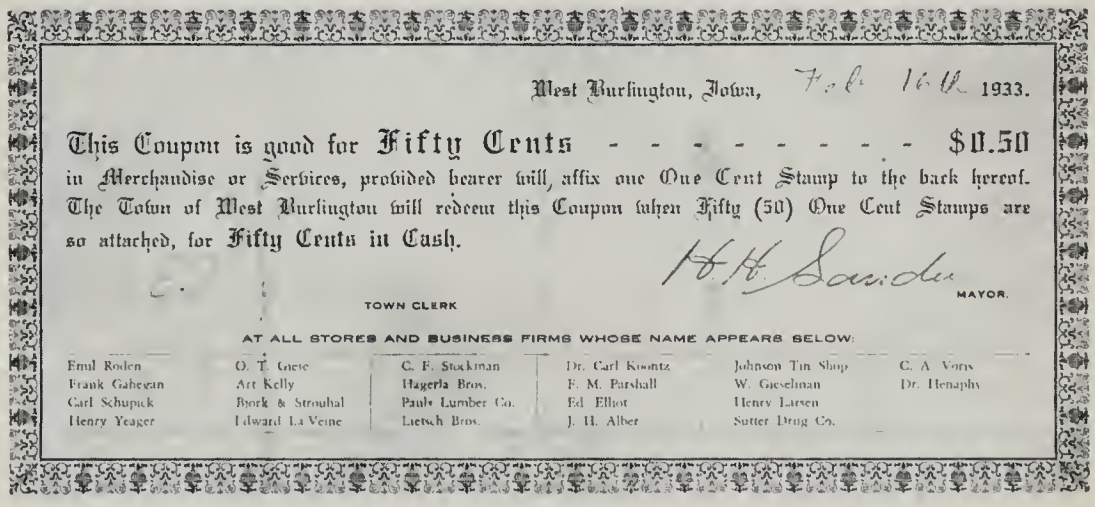
West Burlington, Iowa, Feb 16th 1933.
This Coupon is good for Fifty Cents - - - - - - - - - $0.50
in Merchandise or Services, provided bearer will affix one One Cent Stamp to the back hereof. The Town of West Burlington will redeem this Coupon when Fifty (50) One Cent Stamps are so attached, for Fifty Cents in Cash.
H. H. Sanders
MAYOR.
TOWN CLERK
AT ALL STORES AND BUSINESS FIRMS WHOSE NAME APPEARS BELOW:
Emil Roden
Frank Gabevan
Carl Schupick
Henry Yeager
O. T. Geste
Art Kelly
Bork & Strouhal
Edward La Verne
C. F. Stockman
Hagerla Bros.
Paule Lumber Co.
Lietsch Bros.
Dr. Carl Kuontz
F. M. Parshall
Ed. Elliot
J. H. Alber
Johnson Tin Shop
W. Gieselman
Henry Larsen
Sutter Drug Co.
C. A. Voris
Dr. Henaphy

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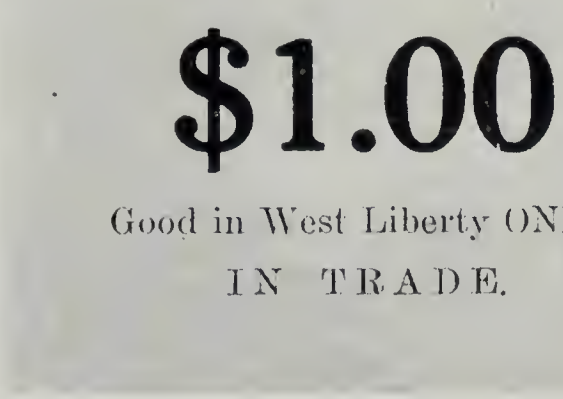


IOWA No. 57

Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World

### Flagstaff

*Arizona State Teachers College* Size unknown

The Arizona State Teachers College administration issued I.O.U.'s to students paying spring registration fees with checks drawn for more than the exact amount due. Change was not available because of the bank holiday, according to Frank Dickman of the college business office. The papers issued to students were redeemed in cash when banks were reopened.

13. Various amounts.

## CALIFORNIA

### Alameda

Scrip of unemployed relief organization reported, but not seen by authors.

### Berkeley

*University of California*

Scrip, in form of I.O.U.'s, was accepted for admission to Little Theater play, "The Great God Brown", by Eugene O'Neill, in March, 1933.

Scrip of unemployed relief organization reported, but not seen by authors.

### Burlingame

*City of Burlingame*

Burlingame issued scrip during the bank holiday to its jobless persons to enable them to buy groceries, meats and other foodstuffs. Many jobless had neither credit nor checking account and would have faced hunger had not some means of relief been provided, according to City Treasurer Frank Bloom.

117. $1. 118. $2.50.

### Carmel

*Carmel Business Association* 3¼ x 7 in.

Scrip designed by Jo Mora, sculptor; stamp by Catherine Seideneck, painter. Carmel Business Association scrip is listed on pages 21 and 22. Since the earlier listing, the authors have examined 405 more specimens to add to the 115 pieces inspected previously. In so doing, they have found seven additional dates, which are entered as new numbers below. Of 520 specimens seen, the Feb. 18 issue totals 27; Feb. 25, 34; March 1, 2; March 4, 65; March 11, 85; March 22, 59; April 1, 65; April 8, 62; April 26, 38; May 10, 29; May 23, 15; June 1, 17; June 2, 1; June 3, 1; June 4, 1; June 7, 7; June 20, 4; July 5, 1; and July 28, 7.

119. $1. June 2, 1933. 120. $1. June 3, 1933. 121. $1. June 4, 1933.
122. $1. June 7, 1933. 123. $1. June 20, 1933. 124. $1. July 5, 1933.
125. $1. July 28, 1933.

### Crescent City

*Davis Associated Service Station* 3⅜ x 8⅜ in.

Dated March 10, 1933. Hand designed in blue ink on white paper. Jiggs,

the comic strip character, is drawn within center circle; on either side, 50¢. Above. "Matt Davis / Will Pay To Bearer". Door lubrication sticker, centered at left, hand signed and dated by Davis. Lower left and right corners stamped DAVIS' ASSOCIATED SERVICE STATION / Corner Front and "L" Streets / Crescent City, California. Denomination, 50¢. in each corner.

126. 50 cents. *Plate.*

Matt Davis, during the bank holidays, designed and signed some 200 pieces of scrip, actually promissory notes. Davis said small change was so scarce that he had to do something. None was presented for redemption after May 1, 1933, when, he said, "To be on the safe side of the law, I burned 195 pieces." He personally kept only one, now in the R. A. Mitchell collection.

### Hollywood

Scrip of unemployed relief organization reported, but not seen by authors.

### Los Angeles

*Associated Students, UCLA* Size unknown

March 6, 1933. Certificates bearing the inscription, "Associated Students Emergency Scrip", were issued at the University of California at Los Angeles. Traded for checks, the scrip was negotiable at college cafeteria and bookstore.

127. 5 cents. 128. 10 cents. 129. 25 cents.

### Oakland

*Natural Development Association, Unit No. 16* 1 x 2 ¾ in.

Coupon checks used by California NDA units were not overstamped with unit number and name as were all other coupons, nor was the lettering solid as it was on scrip of other units. N. D. A. CALIFORNIA was overprinted in outlined letters. The San Francisco NDA branch used coupon checks of the Oakland unit. See Idaho Falls, page 64.

130. 5 cents. *Plate.* 131. 10 cents. 132. 25 cents.
133. 50 cents. 134. $1.

## ILLINOIS

### Chicago

*Chicago Merchandise Certificates, Inc.* 2¼ x 4¼ in.

Obverse: Official / Chicago World's Fair / Certificate. Redeemable in trade at face value, in Chicago, / June 1, 1933 to December 5, 1933. / See reverse side / Chicago Merchandise Certificates, Inc. / Void after December 5, 1933. Green. View of Lakefront of Chicago, downtown from what is now Hilton Hotel, northward. Reverse: World's Fair scene and partial list of those who accepted the scrip. Printed by Northern Bank Note Co., Chicago.

83. 5 cents.

## ISSUES REPORTED BUT UNCONFIRMED

Municipal issues — Sparta, Ga., and Park Ridge, Ill.; trade-sponsored issues — Sparta, Ga., and Terre Haute, Ind.; scrip of unemployed relief organizations — South Denver, Colo.

# *Recent Issues of Tokens and Medals*

## SO-CALLED DOLLARS

### MISHLER CIVIL WAR MEDAL

Clifford Mishler, Box 187, Vandalia, Mich., has issued and is distributing a "Fort Sumter-Appomattox Civil War Centennial" medal, first of two medals he will strike to commemorate the conflict. Busts of Gens. Grant and Lee appear in obverse center; reverse legend bears FORT SUMTER APR. 12, 1861 and APPOMATTOX APR. 9, 1865, beginning of war and cessation of hostilities. A mounted soldier, center, points his sword (or energies) to APPOMATTOX (the cessation) during the entire intervening four years, when his life could get back to normal. Designed by Robert A. Johnson, Mountain Grove, Mo., the medal was struck by the Robbins Co., Attleboro, Mass. Actual size, 40 mm. Sterling silver (limited to 1000 pieces) and oxidized copper medals (unlimited) are available at $5.50 and $1.50, respectively.

### COL. CHARLES D. DREUX MEDAL

A medal issued in commemoration of the death of Col. Charles Didier Dreux, first Confederate officer from Louisiana to be killed in the Civil War, has been issued and is being distributed by Michael Kirk, 1024 Burgundy St., New Orleans 16, La. Obverse design, Dreux, was executed by Ken Reynolds. Reverse design, seal of New Orleans, by John Douglas (in 1852). The medal was struck by Orleans Medalarts. Issue limited to 5000 nickel-silver pieces. Size 23; plain edge. Price $1, postpaid.

### LINCOLN INAUGURAL MEDAL

An official medal was issued March 4 to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's inauguration. A ceremony authorized by House Joint Resolution 155, introduced by Congressman Fred Schwengel of Iowa, was held at the Capitol and a luncheon at the Willard Hotel, where the inaugural luncheon was held 100 years before. Each guest received a replica of the 1861 inaugural medal. F. B. Smith was engraver. Reverse inscription: CENTENNIAL OF THE INAUGURATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AS PRESIDENT AND HANNIBAL HAMLIN AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES — WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 4, 1861. The issue was sponsored by the Lincoln Inaugural Centennial Committee and the Washington, D. C., Civil War Centennial Commission. Size 22. Medals may be obtained from Political Heritage, Inc., Box 212, Massapequa, N. Y.; sterling silver, $7.50; bronze, $2.50.

## OTHER MEDALS

### CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL

A Civil War Centennial medal was issued Aug. 15 by Heraldic Art, Box 5891, Cleveland 1, Ohio. Obverse shows brooding eagle, representing the nation as a whole and its sentiment as the conflict wore on. Wings outspread, eagle perches on an overturned military drum. Legend, above, CENTENNIAL OF THE CIVIL WAR; on ribbons below, 1861 / 1961. On reverse a mounted bugler sounds

the call to arms, symbolizing the eager, adventurous spirit with which the struggle began, before the heavy battlefield tolls brought home the realities of war. The two most significant engagements of 1861 are indicated in the legend, FORT SUMTER / FIRST MANASSAS; below figure, CALL TO ARMS. The jaunty bugler and his fiery, muscular steed—unidentified as to army—were directly inspired by a contemporary woodcut. Issue limited to 7700 sterling silver pieces. Size 20. Reeded edge. Medals obtainable from Heraldic Art for $3.25 each, $6 for two.

**IDYLLWILD BEAR FESTIVAL**

A medal was struck for the fifth annual Bear Festival, sponsored by the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce May 5-7, 1961. Except for date, it is same as the 1960 medal, portraying California Grizzly bear. Medals are available for 75 cents. A few 1960 medals also are available for 85 cents. Nickel-silver. 31 mm. Plain edge.

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**SILVER TARNISH-PROOF AGENT**

Walter Hoving, chairman of Tiffany and Co., reports that Tiffany has developed a new method of tarnish-proofing sterling silver that will keep the silver free from tarnish indefinitely. A layer of material is deposited on the silver which will not chip or peel with age. It does not change the appearance of the silver, Hoving said.

# *How Doges Were Elected*

The chief magistrate in the former republics of Venice and Genoa was called doge.

At one time the Venetians elected the doge by the following system:

Thirty members of the Grand Council, chosen by lot, drew from wax balls. The nine who won that drawing then elected 40 ordinary citizens.

One of the outgoing and therefore presumably incorruptible councilors then went to mass, and upon leaving the church he grabbed the first boy he chanced upon, took him to the palace, and bade him choose, by numbered pellet, 12 of the 40 citizens.

The 12 then elected 25, who in turn selected 9, who picked 45, who chose 11, who elected 41 — who then decided upon the doge.

—William O. Hutt, San Francisco

Photography by Gaetano Arena, San Jose

DUCAT OF VENICE — Andrea Dandolo, 1344-1354. Obverse, St. Mark standing, left; at right, doge kneeling, holding staff with two hands. Word DVX alongside banner, near top, right. Left legend, S. M. VENETI; right legend, doge's name. Reverse, Figure of Christ in pointed oval or mandorla, four stars regularly placed on left, five on right. Legend, SIT.T.XPE.DAT.Q.TV.REGIS.ISTE.DVCAT (Let this duchy which Thou rulest be dedicated to Thee, O Christ). Used internationally in trade, the ducat was the coin of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." Actual size, 20 mm.

# S. C. Exonumist Society

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

One of the truly great numismatic addresses given in Southern California this year was delivered by Ralph A. (Curly) Mitchell at the Exonumist forum during the May meeting of the Southern California Exonumist Society in Long Beach. His address, "Today's Junk—Tomorrow's Rarities," described some 15 different classes of significant numismatic material sometimes called junk by the uninformed, but available to collectors today for collecting and study at reasonable prices.

"This material is not junk," he said, "it will stand the test of time and offers collectors a pleasant escape from the high prices prevailing today for U.S. regular issue coins. Tomorrow much of this inexpensive numismatic material will be scarce and valuable, and some items will be rarities."

Mitchell's address forecast the expansion of numismatic activity into many new phases of specialized collecting. In addition to being interesting and informative, his talk served to encourage and inspire those who are tiring of the conventional approaches to collecting and are considering entering new fields.

### WHAT IS AN EXONUMIST?

A newly coined word, "Exonumist," recently was adopted by a Southern California numismatic group associated with the rapidly developing national organization, The Token and Medal Society (TAMS). This new group adopted the official name Southern California Exonumist Society. Ever since, many collectors have asked what the word "Exonumist" means.

The word has been unofficially explained as derived from combining the Greek prefix "exo" meaning "without or outside," and the abbreviation for numismatics, "numis," to produce "exonumist," which means without or outside the usual or conventional phases of numismatic activity. Thus, an Exonumist is one who engages in collecting and studying tokens, medals, scrip and other substitutes for hard money, an area somewhat outside that followed by the majority of numismatists, but still well within the general scope of numismatics.

### EXONUMIST SOCIETY GROWS

Though only recently formed, the Southern California Exonumist Society is growing rapidly and now has about 100 members. Under the leadership of such well-known numismatists as Paul Hamm, president, and Russell Rulau, secretary, both of San Diego, and Ralph Mitchell of Fullerton, the organization has issued a monthly bulletin, held meetings each month at different locations in Southern California, and generated considerable interest in medals and tokens. At these monthly meetings, the Exonumist forum has featured a series of outstanding addresses.

### CALCOIN EDITOR 'EXONUMIST'

Charles V. Kappen, editor of **Calcoin News**, also is a long-time "Exonumist," though he says that he has never been called by this name. At present he is working with Hal E. Hibler in revising and extending the Richard D. Kenney So-Called Dollar Guide Book and Standard Catalog, which will be published this winter. This book will be a standard work for Exonumists who are interested in so-called dollars.

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File marks present on early U. S. coins are the result of weight adjustment by the mint.

## Obituary

### LEONORA D. RHODES

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**Mrs. Leonora D. Rhodes** (widow of the late Don Rhodes) died April 23 after a short illness and confinement in the hospital. "Lee," as she was called by her many friends, was a charter member of the Vallejo Numismatic Society, and was always willing to pitch in and do her share toward making the meetings and the Vallejo Numismatic Society successful.

# Bank Museum Greets 50,000th Visitor

The Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit greeted its 50,000th visitor in May. The Museum, which opened a year ago, displays the Nate S. Shapero collection of coins, currency and odd and curious media of exchange. The 12,000 specimens, collected over 40 years, relate the story of civilization as seen through numismatics.

One of the most recently acquired and certainly the largest of the monetary units on display is a huge 870-pound cartwheel of Yap Stone money —the largest to leave Yap Island. New exhibits also highlight the disastrous results of uncontrolled inflation in the German Weimar Republic following the end of the first World War, and the coins and currency of the American Civil War.

Charles R. Hoskins III recently has been appointed assistant director of the museum. Adm. O. H. Dodson, ANA past president, is director.

Miss Carole McDonald, bank receptionist, in the accompanying illustration is shown holding a specimen of salt brick money from Ethiopia.

## JOHNSON RESIGNS; COLVER NEW EDITOR

Charles M. Johnson of Long Beach resigned early in July as assistant editor of **Calcoin News**, a job he has held for the last four years. "It is with reluctance that I have taken this step," he said, "but with the increasing demands of business and other interests on my time, I am forced to give up this activity."

Charles G. Colver was appointed assistant editor of **Calcoin News** to succeed Johnson, effective with the winter issue. Colver long has been identified with Southern California numismatics and has published several papers upon numismatic subjects.

Club secretaries in Southern California are requested to note the change and in the future to send all news items, reports, publicity and club bulletins to the new assistant editor, Charles G. Colver, 1905 E. Duell St., Glendora, Calif.

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The Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith, was not connected with the Kirtland Safety Society Anti-Banking Co. at the time of its suspension in August 1837.

## ANA ELECTS CALIFORNIANS

At the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association in Atlanta, Ga., in August, three Californians were elected to offices in the national organization. Herbert M. Bergen of Fullerton was elected second vice president in an uncontested race. Robert G. McArthur of Oakland and Charles M. Johnson of Long Beach were elected to the board of governors.

Other officials elected by the ANA were: C. C. Shroyer, Ohio, president; P. K. Anderson, Oklahoma, first vice president; Lewis M. Reagan, Kansas, general secretary; Harold R. Klein, Illinois, treasurer; John J. Pittman, New York, Matt H. Rothert, Arkansas, and Arthur Sipe, Pennsylvania, board of governors.

Both Bergen and Johnson are newcomers to the ANA official family. All other elected officials previously held ANA offices.

# NEW CALCOIN NEWS ASSISTANT EDITORS

LESLEY G. LODGE

CHARLES G. COLVER

## RESIGNS

CHARLES M. JOHNSON

The editor greets his two new assistants.

**Lesley G. Lodge,** editor for Northern California, served PCNS as officer for 11 years; as president, 1953-1954. He was general chairman for CSNA conventions in 1954 and 1959; won best-in-show exhibit award in 1960; has had two articles published in **Calcoin News;** and has worked on special assignments for the CSNA.

**Charles G. Colver,** editor for Southern California, has been officer of Orange County, San Bernardino County and Covina Coin Clubs; as president, OCCC and SBCCC. He was co-chairman for 1958 Riverside and assistant chairman for 1959 Pasadena conventions; has written articles on English coins, winning silver award for best article in **Calcoin News** in 1957 and in 1958.

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**Charles M. Johnson** has been Southern California editor since July 1957, and **Dorothy Beaulieu,** Northern California editor since July 1958.

I wish to express my appreciation for their cooperation. They have done outstanding jobs.

**CHARLES V. KAPPEN,**
Editor, **Calcoin News**

# *South of the Tehachapis*

**By CHARLES M. JOHNSON**

Southern California news of numismatic interest, whether it concerns activities of clubs or individuals, should now be mailed to Charles G. Colver, 1905 E. Duell St., Glendora, Calif. Colver succeeds Charles M. Johnson as assistant editor of Calcoin News for Southern California. Johnson, who in August was elected to the ANA board of governors, has resigned because of pressure of other duties. Colver will appreciate being placed on the mailing list of all local club bulletins.

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Santa Monica, host to the twenty-ninth California State Numismatic Association convention, will be in the numismatic spotlight this fall in Southern California. Elaborate plans are now being completed by a hard-working convention committee to make this big show bigger and better (read story of convention in this issue). Come Nov. 2, convention-bound numismatists will converge on Santa Monica for four days of numismatic fun and friendship. See you in Santa Monica.

### COINARAMAS

San Diego and West Valley coin clubs are planning Coinaramas for this fall—see Calendar of Numismatic Events in this issue. Santa Barbara and Pomona Valley clubs recently have concluded two very successful Coinaramas.

### POMONA SHOW BIG SUCCESS

More than 2000 collectors, dealers and exhibitors from Southern California gathered for the first Pomona Valley Coin Club Coinarama recently, held in the hobby building at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona. Planned and billed as a local show, it was evident from the opening that the event had attracted an unanticipated crowd, reaching the proportions of a regional gathering. Nineteen dealers held bourse space and 84 exhibits were on display. Peter B. Payne of San Bernardino catalogued a 937-lot mail and floor bid auction, and produced a fine printed catalog for the occasion.

Dan Harley of Pomona won best-in-show award with a nicely displayed collection of Standing Liberty quarters. Other award winners were Henri Heller, Millie Fowers, Leroy Myers (he won three awards in paper money), Al Beck, Bill Hogue, Peter Payne and Harold Murphy. Plans already are being made to expand the show and have it run for two days next year.

### POMONA VALLEY COIN CLUB

This highly successful show was produced by the Pomona Valley Coin Club, a rapidly growing and popular club, which was organized in October 1959, largely through the efforts of Leroy Myers, who served as its first president, a job which he still holds. Seventy-two collectors turned out for the first meeting in 1959 and today the club has an attendance of nearly 150 members. Club meets on the first Saturday evening of each month at 172 W. Monterey St., Pomona.

### SANTA BARBARA COINARAMA

Third annual two-day Coinarama in Santa Barbara in August again attracted a capacity crowd, with all bourse space sold out and many exhibitors competing for awards. A number of collectors and dealers from the Los Angeles area attended the Coinarama and then stayed over for Santa Barbara's Annual Spanish Days Fiesta, four days of parades and celebration, which followed the Coinarama.

### SOUTHERN HUB'S CARNIVAL

Southern Hub Coin Club held a summer holiday coin carnival in July with 175 members and guests in attendance and a large number of exhibits from other clubs. The Society of International Numismatists (SIN) of Santa Monica won best-in-show award; Pauline Ney, a founding member of SIN accepted the award. Other award winners were Mel Fishel, paper money; Edith Paterson, substitutes for money; Joy Parrish, commemorative and Civil War medals; Leroy Borchardt, U. S. coins; Joe Goodyear, ancient and medieval coins; Bob Berman, foreign coins, and Thelma Case, coins and books on knowledge in numismatics. Richard Goodson, Lou Upton and Jim Miladin were judges and Ralph (Curly) Mitchell made the awards.

### NEW GLENDALE OFFICERS

Glendale Coin Club recently elected the following new officers: C. R. Young, president; Edwin Bergolte, vice president; Herb Runner, second vice president; Dorothy Bennett, secretary; Estelle Powers, recording secretary; Winnie Becker, treasurer; and Gwendolyn Whitehead, assistant treasurer.

### FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

North American Aviation Stamp and Coin Club celebrated its fourth anniversary in July. John Paradowski, vice president of the club, spoke on "The Most Famous Lincoln Cents" and showed a display of Lincoln cents.

### FOREIGN vs. U. S. COLLECTING

E. Carolyn Nestrick, Bay Cities Coin Club secretary, has sent us a "slightly biased report from a foreign coin collecting secretary" which is so interesting that it is reproduced in full:

"The June meeting of the Bay Cities Coin Club featured a debate "Foreign vs. U. S. Coin Collecting." Max Barth, Kim Kimerly and Bill Fanning spoke eloquently for the collector of U. S. coins. Points brought out were that there are more than enough U. S. coins to collect; it would take a lifetime to complete a collection of U. S. Since we are Americans, it behooves us to learn more about our history through the study of coinage. Max Wedertz, Carolyn Nestrick and Lewis Upton espoused the cause of foreign coin collecting. A few arguments for were the wide variety of collecting available in the foreign field; the desirability of foreign collecting in light of current world conditions; the historic and geographic knowledge acquired painlessly; and the lack of repetition of coins. A foreign coin collector was described as one who (1) has a sense of history, (2) has an interest in geography, (3) has an interest in people and their affairs, (4) has the spirit of a detective, (5) has the liking for the thrill of the hunt, (6) has the persistence of a bulldog, and (7) takes satisfaction in doing the first six items."

### NEIL SHAFER TALKS AT CLUBS

Neil Shafer of the Washington, D. C., Numismatic Society and author of the recently published Whitman coin reference series book, "U. S. Territorial Coinage for the Philippine Islands," spoke at the Long Beach club and the Norwalk club in August on "Philippine Coinage under U. S. Administration." His interesting and informative talk was illustrated by slides showing many of the coins, patterns, medals and commemorative pieces struck while the island was under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Much history and information associated with Spanish Philippine coinage also were developed.

### SAN DIEGO FAIR EXHIBIT

All attendance records were broken when more than 300,000 passed through the gates of the Southern California Exposition and San Diego County Fair at Del Mar, Calif. A part of the fair was the ninth annual numismatic display managed by the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council, Francis Jones, general chairman.

Top award winners were: Senior best-in-show, Tom Ward, Fallbrook, ancient Roman republican and imperial coins; junior best-in-show, Oakley Pike, San Diego, Lincoln cents, Buffalo nickels and Mercury dimes. The Wallace Memorial Trophy was won by Michael McHenry of Solano Beach, with "The Coin Farm," an exhibit illustrating the animals, plants and trees found on a farm.

### HAMM TALKS ON TOKENS

"Nine billion dollars will be collected in sales taxes this year," was the opening remark of Paul Hamm in his talk on sales tax tokens before the May meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society. Hamm remarked that the first sales tax was on gasoline in 1920 to pay for roads. Illinois was the first state to issue sales tax tokens. Nebraska issued a sales tax token to poke fun at the other states and it read, "We don't take funny money in Nebraska." Hamm, president of the Southern California Exonumist Society, gave his definition of expert to his audience of over 100 members and guests. According to Hamm "ex" means "has-been" and "pert" means "drip" under pressure, so an expert means a "has been drip." He displayed his prize-winning exhibit of sales tax tokens to illustrate his talk.

### FRACTIONAL CURRENCY TALK

The 275th regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club was held May 24 at Brea with President John Rime presiding over an attend-

ance of 118 members and guests.

Among guests was Adolph Larson Jr., an honorary member of the club for many years. The club owes much to Adolph for the many times that he gave programs and held auctions during its early years.

Herb Bergen, club secretary, was speaker, his subject, "Fractional Currency." He opened his talk with the observation that it was timely to treat with this subject during the observance of the 100th anniversary of the War Between the States, for it was in the early years of the war that fractional currency was first introduced.

Describing the various issues of this interesting paper money, the speaker called attention to his display, which contained all denominations with both reverse and obverse showing for each of the five issues. He also had on display a rare fractional currency shield, issued by the Treasury for use by banks to help them detect counterfeits. As an adjunct to the shinplasters, there also were displayed encased postage stamps and merchants' tokens used during the Civil War.

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**NEW SOUTHERN CLUBS**

Several new coin clubs were organized in Southern California during the past three months. "Pillars Limited," a club formed in the Van Nuys area, will limit its membership to 50 adults with membership only by invitation. It plans to become a study group devoted to all branches of numismatics. Charter was closed in April with 20 members. The elected officers are Edwin Borgolte, president; Walter Burch, vice president; Hazel Gillie, secretary, and Stanley Buxner, treasurer.

Dr. R. H. Davis of Los Angeles was the club's first guest speaker; his subject. "History and Method of Making Early U. S. Coins."

Transportation Coin Club, organized in June, will hold meetings on the first Sunday of each month at the Alexandria Hotel in Los Angeles. Officers elected at the initial meeting were C. H. Cantrell, president; Joseph Rosenberg, vice president, and K. R. Moore, treasurer.

Santa Fe Springs Coin Club has moved to Whittier and changed its name to the Whittier Coin Club. In July a gala open house was held to celebrate the move at the new quarters, and the mayor of Whittier was present to talk and welcome the club to Whittier. Meetings are held on the second Friday evening at the American Savings and Loan Bank meeting room, 210 E. Philadelphia St., Whittier.

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**SOUTHERN HUB'S NEW ADDRESS**

Southern Hub Coin Club now meets at the Inglewood Woman's Club, 325 N. Hillcrest, Inglewood, in a hall large enough to accommodate 500 persons. Members plan to fill the hall.

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**HERE AND THERE**

San Diego Numismatic Society has set up a credit plan with the San Diego Blood Bank for the benefit of its members. . . . Santa Barbara devoted its July meeting entirely to a barter and trading night. . . . Joel Honey, in discussing the Lincoln cent at the Santa Barbara club, described how it can be used as a barometer of business conditions. . . . John Parrish, editor of the Southern Hub bulletin, "The Numis," is doing a first-class job, with recent issues devoted to short biographical sketches of some of the club's lady members: Ann Hall, Pauline Kelso, Margaret McGee, Dorothy Stapp, Betty Borchardt, Florence Moore and Mrs. Joe McGee. The "Numis" also ran a story about John Paradowski, club auctioneer, who is well known for his numismatic activities in Southern California. . . . Los Angeles club voted in its 1000th member in August and Long Beach its 500th member. . . . ANA slide set on odd shaped coins was shown at the June meeting of the San Bernardino County Coin Club. . . . After devoting a meeting to examining various types of coin holders, the Bay Cities club reached the conclusion that the perfect coin holder has yet to be made, but a cigar box can always be used in desperation. . . . Two records were broken at the August meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society when 151 members and guests attended and 21 exhibits were made. Michael McHenry, Leonel Panosh and Dennis Phelps tied for first place exihibit award.

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**OTHER SOUTHERN SPEAKERS**

Ida Mae Griffin, Southern Hub Coin Club, August, From Junk to Rolls.

William Hogue, Pico-Rivera Coin Club, July, Counterfeiting and Counterfeit Money.

Karl Brainard, Culver City Coin

Club, June, Coinology, illustrated by slides.

Alva Christensen, Orange County Coin Club, July, What is Salable Numismatic Material?

Kenneth Lee, Culver City Coin Club, May, Emperor Norton and His Paper Money.

William Luther, Long Beach Coin Club, June, Greek, Roman and Ancient Coins.

Charles Johnson, Culver City Coin Club, August, United States Numismatic Literature.

Herbert Bergen, San Fernando Valley Coin Club, June, Fractional Currency.

Karl Brainard, 49ers Coin Club, July.

Charles Johnson, San Bernardino County Coin Club, May, U. S. Paper Money from Colonial Days to Present.

Dan Williams, Norwalk Coin Club, July, Civil War and Hard Time Tokens.

Charles Colver, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, June, British and British Colonial Coins.

Sol Alexander, Long Beach Coin Club, July, Mexican Gold Coins.

Richard Goodson, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, May, Varieties and Types of U. S. Coins.

Charles Johnson, Orange County Coin Club, June, U. S. Numismatic Literature.

Leonel Panosh, West Valley Coin Club, July, Coins of The Grand Masters of Malta.

Fred Claveria, Santa Barbara County Coin Club, July, Early Mexican Money.

Charles Johnson, San Diego Numismatic Society, June, U. S. Numismatic Literature.

Russell Rulau, San Diego Numismatic Society, July, Heraldry—The Study of Arms.

Pauline Ney, Southern Hub Coin Club, May, Medals and Tokens.

Officer Edward Staal with Redondo Beach Police Dept., Southern Hub Coin Club, June, If It's Worth Collecting, It's Worth Protecting.

Representatives of Central Safe and Vault Co., Los Angeles Coin Club, June, Safes and Safekeeping.

Peter Payne, Los Angeles Coin Club, August, Foreign Coins.

Karl Brainard, Antelope Valley Coin Club, June, Grading U. S. Coins.

W. B. Luther, Santa Ana Coin Club, May, Ancient Roman and Greek Coins.

W. F. Volderg, vice president of the Los Angeles Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, West Valley Coin Club, July, The Economics of Money.

Charles Johnson, West Valley Coin Club, May, U. S. Currency.

Karl Brainard, Orange County Coin Club, August, Highlights of Coinage.

Edwin Bergolte, Glendale Coin Club, August, Saint-Gaudens Gold.

Ralph Mitchell, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, July, Today's Junk—Tomorrow's Rarities.

Paul Hamm, Southern California Exonumist Society, July, So-Called Dollars.

Paul Newell, West Valley Coin Club, August, Coins From the Beginning of Time.

# *North of the Tehachapis*

By LESLEY G. LODGE

**Vallejo Numismatic Society** held its July meeting on the 160th anniversary of the birth of David G. Farragut, first admiral of the United States Navy and first commander of Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Commander Farragut's portrait appears on the extremely rare treasury or coin notes of 1890 and 1891.

VNS has published a list of its members who own extensive libraries in special fields, so that other members may know whom to contact regarding specific information on a certain coin.

A "Coin Condition Clinic" was featured at the July meeting of **Liberty Numismatic Society. Paul D. Snedaker** conducted the round-robin discussion on such subjects as coin grading, condition guideposts and cleaning hints.

Theme of the August meeting was "Other Hobbies."

**Southeastern Sierra Coin Club** (Bishop) participated in the Inyo County Centennial Celebration by holding a special coin festival, highlight of which was presentation of

centennial medals to four "princesses" of Inyo County towns. A feature of this affair was a talk by **Don Thompson**, Reno, on Carson City dollars.

Recently elected officers of the **Discoverer Coin Club**, Sunnyvale, are: **Glen Shake** (San Jose) president; **Bud Grimes** (Sunnyvale) vice president; **Bob Rushing** (Santa Clara) treasurer; **Ed Sins**, (San Francisco) corresponding secretary; **Dorothy Beaulieu** (San Jose) recording secretary; and **John Cobb** (Mountain View) and **Hugh Dodge** (Los Altos) directors.

**Peninsula Coin Club** meets in a new location — Palo Alto Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, at 7:30 p.m. on first Thursday of each month.

**Dennis E. Olswang** spoke at the August meeting on "Coins of Canada."

**Pacific Coast Numismatic Society** held its annual dinner meeting at Torino's May 27, with 54 members and guests present. **David L. Redfield** was honored with a gift of 20 communion tokens. Dave has been a member of PCNS for more than 20 years. **Lesley G. Lodge** was elected a Fellow in the Society. Les, over a period of 11 years, held every office in the society.

The June meeting featured **Ronnie Carr** and his outstanding collection of gold — including many pioneer pieces and U. S. rarities.

**Harold D. Allen** of Montreal was the guest speaker at the July meeting. Allen's talk on Canadian paper money was exceptionally well presented. PCNS was honored by having Allen speak, as this was the only coin club at which he appeared while in California during the summer months.

**East Bay Coin Club's** July meeting featured Bourse Night, with vice president **Paul D. Snedaker** in charge.

Plans are rapidly approaching completion for the ninth annual Coinival to be held Sunday, Oct. 29, in a new location—Lakeside Park Garden Center, Lake Merritt, Oakland.

**Santa Cruz Coin Club**, in order to keep the public aware of its meetings, is running a meeting notice in the local newspaper. Another recent decision was to award $1 each meeting to the best junior, and to the best adult display, in an attempt to upgrade the exhibits.

**Lake Tahoe Coin Club** has announced a new policy in connection with its monthly publication, "Tahoe Coin Breezes." Other local clubs, for a small fee, are invited to use space in the "Coin Breeze" to feature coming events, interesting numismatic items, auctions, etc.

The July meeting featured **Ronnie Carr** and his fabulous display of U. S. and pioneer issue gold coins.

Plans are practically completed for the Annual Coin Festival, to be held Oct. 7, at Harrah's Edgewood Banquet Room, Stateline, Calif.

Club members of the **Fresno Numismatic Society** report they recently found in circulation within one month four 1931-S Lincoln cents. Two of them were put up at the club's auction and went for a very fine price.

## REDDING NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The newest club to be formed in Northern California is near the head of the Sacramento Valley. Elected were: **F. D. Thompson**, president; **Peter Wallinder**, vice president; Mrs. **Donna Lee Toenjes**, secretary-treasurer. Board members are: Mrs. **Elda Lockhart**, **Robert Hetlund**, the Rev. **Richard Walsh** and **W. E. Treadwell.**

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the First Methodist Church.

## NAPA VALLEY COIN CLUB

This club was organized in January of this year; and at its first meeting in that month had an attendance of 41. Membership now totals 31 juniors and 60 seniors. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Napa Women's Club, 218 Franklin St. (corner Elm), Napa.

One feature of this club's meetings is that of having a junior bourse. The juniors are quite enthusiastic, stating that business is good, and that they want this feature of the meetings continued.

**N. L. Baldwin** spoke at the June meeting on "Altered Coins." Baldwin illustrated his talk with blackboard sketches, and answered many questions asked of him.

**Jack Gray** spoke at the July meeting on "Early Large U. S. Cents." His talk was illustrated with a fine display of these coins from his own collection.

**Wayne Wilcox** conducted a panel discussion at the August meeting on the subject, "Grading of Coins."

**FERNDALE STAMP & COIN CLUB**

CSNA's most northerly club-member in California was organized in November 1956. Its membership consists of philatelists, numismatists and collectors of many other hobbies.

Its activities include an annual picnic in the summer; an annual anniversary banquet in November; and an annual exhibit of stamps, coins and other hobby items at the Humboldt County Fair each August.

While not a large club, as some of our other clubs count membership, it is most active. Of interest is the colorful monthly meeting notice card mailed to members and friends.

**OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORS**

At a recent meeting **Coos County Coin Club** (Oregon) elected **Lorin H. Atkins**, president; **Kenneth Warrick**, vice president; **Russell Stillman**, secretary-treasurer; and **Larry Baker, Al Johnson** and **Merle Girton**, board members.

**Southwestern Oregon Numismatic Association**, a new organization, comprised of several local clubs in that area, elected **Felix Duke**, president; **Lorin H. Atkins**, vice president; and **Russell Stillman**, secretary-treasurer.

Their first convention will be Sept. 23-25, at Courtel Coos Bay, 1313 North Bayshore Dr., Coos Bay, Ore.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COINARAMA**

**Central Coast Coin Club** of San Luis Obispo was host to the first public coin show in that city, July 22-23. Attendance figures reveal that the show was well patronized both by numismatists and the general public.

**Knud Clawsen** was awarded best-in-show for his exhibit of ancient, foreign, and odd and curious moneys.

Twenty-eight dealers occupied bourse space. **Frank Rosa** of Stockton conducted a two-session auction.

**DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL FAIR**

On display Aug. 3-6, in the Home Economics Building, Fairgrounds, Ukiah, was a display in four cases of gold dust, nuggets and gold-bearing ore, valued at more than $100,000 (according to display circulars). This collection was acquired over a period of 35 years by **Charles C. Crespi**, manager of Bank of America's Angels Camp Branch, located in the heart of California's historic Mother Lode country.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GROUP**

**Northern California Numismatic Association** was founded at San Jose Aug. 7. Temporary officers are: **Denis Hooker** (San Jose) president; **Lillian Hooker** (San Jose) secretary and **Milton C. Strauch** (Daly City) treasurer.

Five local clubs already have joined: **San Jose Coin Club, Central California Coin Club** (Monterey), **Lockheed Coin Club** (Sunnyvale), **San Francisco Coin Club** and **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society** (San Francisco). Other Northern California local clubs have signified their intention to join.

Aim and purpose of this new organization is to hold a yearly convention, probably in August or September, at which dealers, collectors and exhibitors may take part; also, to endeavor to co-ordinate the dates of the various local one- or two-day coinivals being held—often on conflicting dates.

**EUREKA COIN SHOP SOLD**

**William H. (Bill) Smith** recently sold his coin shop, located at 678 Geary St., San Francisco. **Lloyd Engeran** (formerly of New Orleans) is the new operator of this store.


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| New Members | 20 |
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| Resignations | 0 |
| Deceased | 1 |
| Net membership Aug. 24, 1961 | 615 |
| 1961 dues paid | 525 |
| Delinquent | 90 |

**DAN HARLEY,**
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# Letters

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1340 Espana Street
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17 May 1961

California State Numismatic Association
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Gentlemen:

In behalf of all the officers and members of the Philippine Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt with cordial appreciation the books you so generously donated to our library. Your donation arrived as an integral part of a collection of books which the American Numismatic Association and its component societies gathered from its members through the solicitude of its president, Admiral Dodson, and his appointed committees. The books were handed over to us through the American Embassy, to which the shipment was addressed.

Your spontaneous act of generosity will be recorded with fond memories in the annals of the society.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) JESUS P. CELIS, M.D.
Past President (1959-1961)
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## EX-TREASURER MARRIES

Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, treasurer of the United States during President Eisenhower's administration, was married in Beverly Hills, June 20, to Sidney William Stevens, a California realtor. All of us are, or should be, familiar with the Mrs. Priest signature as it appears on many issues of our paper money.

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